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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Applicants hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

The Applicants call the Examiner's attention to the following patents, publications or other information:

Document AA. United States Patent, Number 4,010,448, issued on March 1, 1977 to Bennett et al. This patent relates to interrupt circuitry for microprocessor chips.

Document AB. United States Patent, Number 5,095,526, issued on March 10, 1992 to Allen J. Baum. This patent relates to an interrupt handling routine for a microprocessor.

Document AC. Japan Patent, Publication number JP4-135246, Publication date May 8, 1992, applied for by MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP.; Patent Abstracts of Japan, Abstract volume 016404,

Abstract Publication Date August 26, 1992. The abstract relates to a system wherein a period during which an interruption mask is produced in a user mode is counted and wherein a mask unable interruption is forcibly produced when a time-out state is detected.

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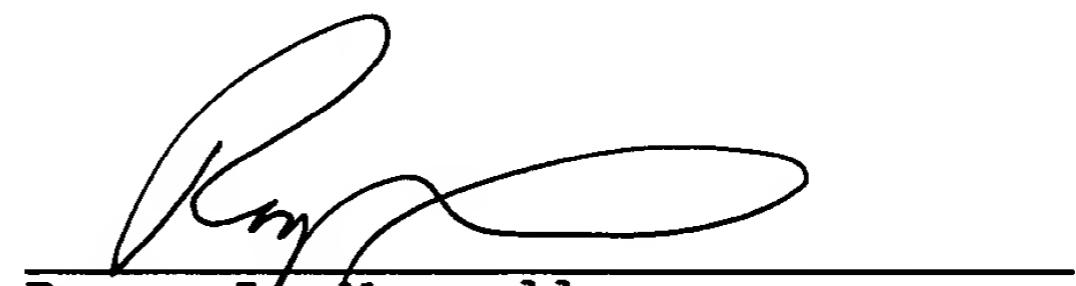
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